

McCormick's Creek State Park

2009 Upcoming Special Events

September 19th Bar-B-Que & Blues- Camp for the weekend and let us do the cookin' or come for the day, enjoy this community party!



September 20th Archaeology Day- Spearheads, Arrowheads, an Atlatl throwing contest, and more.



October 17th Bat Fest – Cave crawl, bat stories, crafts, and a special theatrical performance by children's singer/songwriter Musical Mark on his entertaining "Batsong" tour!



October 31st Fall-o-ween Festival- Campsite decorating contest! Pumpkin Carving! Mask-making! Haunted Trail!



September

Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 7 days a week!

Look for our program schedules on the web:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- **812-829-4344.**

****Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

Nature Center Renovation: New Nature Center exhibits are currently underway. The Nature Center display room will be closed for renovation. However, the Nature Center office, program room, and restrooms will remain open throughout the renovation so feel free to stop in!


Wolf Cave Closed for the 2009 Season.

All caves, sinkholes, tunnels and mines on DNR properties (except for Twin Caves at Spring Mill State Park) are closed until April 30, 2010 to provide protection from White-nosed Syndrome, a fungus that is killing bats in large numbers in the Northeastern U.S. and is now spreading west. Thank you for cooperating with IDNR in this effort.

Monday, August 31st


1:30 PM **Creek Peek:** Nature Center. Take a short hike to the creek to see who lives there!

Thursday, September 3rd

2:30 PM **Monarch Meeting:** Nature Center. Monarch Butterflies will be migrating soon...make your own monarch butterfly craft to fly home with you. 

Saturday, September 5th **Labor Day Weekend!**

11:00 AM **Snakes Alive!** Nature Center. Meet one of McCormick’s friendliest snakes!

7:30 PM  **Evening Stroll** Meet at Canyon Inn Front Steps- Take a hike as day turns to night!

Sunday, September 6th

9:00 AM **Worship Service, non-denominational** Nature Center

11:00 AM **Day in the Life of A CCC worker-** Nature Center. Enjoy a presentation featuring photos taken from a McCormick’s Creek CCC worker’s scrapbook.

1:30 PM **Peden Farmstead Hike:** Meet at the Nature Center. What would life have been like for some of McCormick’s earliest settlers?

Monday, September 7th

11:00 AM **Got Venom?:** Nature Center. Learn how to identify venomous and non-venemous snakes.

2:30 PM **Creek Stomp:** Nature Center. Join a naturalist for a short hike to the creek and discover the critters that live there!

Tuesday, September 8th

2:30 PM **Fossil Frenzy:** Nature Center. Take a short hike along the creek to find fossils.

Thursday, September 10th

2:30 PM **Slithering Snakes:** Nature Center. The secrets of snake locomotion revealed!

Saturday, September 12 DNR INSHAPE DAY! Take a hike!

A Healthy Parks/Healthy People initiative. “Walk, hike, swim, ride, and relax your way to better health at your favorite state park or reservoir.”

10:00 AM **INShape DNR Official Walk-** Nature Center. Hike with a naturalist on the accessible trail #8 through part of the Wolf Cave Nature Preserve and campgrounds. 1.5 miles in length. 1 hour.

2:30 PM **Nature’s Medicine Cabinet-** Nature Center. Learn how Mother Nature can keep you healthy!

Sunday, September 13th

9:00 AM **Worship Service, non-denominational** Nature Center
Enjoy hiking one of our 10 beautiful trails today!

Monday, September 14th

2:30 PM **Wild Edibles:** Nature Center. Learn to identify and how to prepare some of Indiana’s common wild edibles.

Wednesday, September 16th

2:30 PM **Fall Tree ID:** Nature Center. Take a short hike to learn some tree ID basics.

Friday, September 18th

2:30 PM **Amazing Macro-invertebrates:** Nature Center. Take advantage of the last days of warm weather to search the creek for these amazing critters!

8:00 PM **Night Hike:** Meet at Canyon Inn Front Steps. Discover the senses that make nocturnal animals so comfortable at night and practice using your own on this 1 hour hike.

Saturday, September 19th

Friends of McCormick’s Creek and Owen County Family YMCA

4 Mile Trail Run/Walk

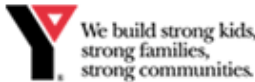
Early Registration: \$18 (before September 4)

Race Day Registration: \$20

To Register: stop by or call the Owen County Family YMCA at 812-829-9622.

Time: Race Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Race Day Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at Nature Center



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BBQ & Blues

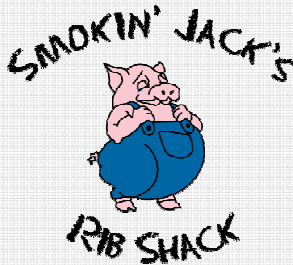
4:00-8:00 PM; Pool Parking Area

Live Blues, Good Food, Kids Area!

4:00-6:00PM Carlyn Lindsey & SnakeDoctor

6:00-8:00PM King Bee & the Stingers

****BBQ vending by Smokin’ Jack’s Ribshack!**




Sunday, September 20th

9:00 AM **Worship Service, non-denominational** Nature Center

Archaeology Day

Nature Center

- Artifact and chert exhibits
- Replicas of prehistoric tools
- Flint-knapping demonstrations!
- Information about archaeological field work and site preservation



Thursday, September 24th

2:30 PM **Quarry Hike:** Meet at the Canyon Inn. Discover the history and the mystery behind the old Statehouse Quarry.

Saturday, September 26th

9:30 AM **Fall Migrants Bird Hike-** Meet at the Campground Gate. Hike to a local migratory songbird hotspot by the White River to listen and look for these winged wonders.

2:30 PM **Naturalist at Wolf Cave:** Have your questions about the cave and our bats answered.

Sunday, September 27th

9:00 AM **Worship Service, non-denominational** Nature Center

11:00 AM **Fall Colors Craft-** Nature Center. Celebrate fall with a fall color-inspired craft to take home!

